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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The IDS filed on 3/1/06 and 12/23/03 have been considered and recorded in the file.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shibata et al (2001/0004269).

-Regarding to claim 1, see figures 1-9, and [0202-0240, 0242-0247, 0251], Shibata et al discloses a portable wireless terminal device (see figure 1) comprising a portable main body (10) and having a television transmission receiving function "TV telephone", (considered here equivalent with the limitation "television broadcast receiving function") (see [0214]) and a wireless communications function "ordinary portable telephone" (see [0236]), the main body having a plurality of manual keys (17) (see figure 9) and a display (21) (see figure 1) provided on a front side thereof, the main body comprising a first case having the plurality of keys (17) (see figure 9), a second case (20) having the display (21) (see figure 1), and a connecting mechanism (31, 32) (see figure 1) for interconnecting the two cases, the display comprising a screen having a predetermined aspect ratio (see figure 1), the connecting mechanism comprising a pivot mechanism (31, 32) for rotating the second case relative to the first case along a plane parallel to the screen (see [0214]), the display being operable for wireless communication in a first screen position wherein the screen is elongated vertically (see figure 9), the display being operable for

receiving a television transmission in a second screen position wherein the screen is elongated horizontally (see figure 1).

–Regarding to claim 3, Shibata et al discloses that the connecting mechanism comprises a latch-like structure (32) for softly holding the second case (20) in the first screen position and the second screen position relative to the first screen (see figures 1 and 9, [0203, 0214, 0233, 0242–0247, 0251]).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

–Regarding to claim 2, Shibata et al fails to further teach that the connecting mechanism comprises a slide mechanism for slidingly moving the second case relative to the first case in a direction orthogonal to both a pivot of the pivot mechanism and the direction of arrangement of the two cases, and the distance between the first case and the second case can be shortened when the display is in the first screen position or the second screen position.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reference Mizuta et al (2003/0064758) is additionally cited because it is pertinent to the claimed device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanh D. Phu whose telephone number is (571)272-7857. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 7:00-17:00.

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